

Useful Connectives and Adverbs

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To show order

to begin with – finally – firstly (secondly/thirdly, etc.) – in the first/second/third place – initially – next

To compare and contrast things

(al)though – both – but while the first ... the second – compared to ... – equally – likewise – on the one hand ... on the other hand ...

To express reason and purpose

as – because of – consequently – for this/that reason – hence – in order to – on account of – since – so – that explains why – that is why – therefore

To express or add ideas/to express agreement

admittedly – again – also – and – equally – for example – for instance – further(more) – in addition to – generally speaking – in the same manner/way – likewise – moreover – similarly

To express your own opinion

from my point of view – in my opinion – in my view – to my mind – the way I see it

To express an opposite point of view

alternatively – but – despite/in spite of (the fact) – except for – however – in contrast to – instead of – nevertheless – nonetheless – on the contrary

To refer to something or someone

according to – as for – as to – the former – the latter – with reference to – with regard to

To express emphasis

as a matter of fact – at any rate – clearly – evidently – ideally – undoubtedly

To express condition

as long as – even if – if – in any case – on condition that – provided that – unless

To show consequence and conclusion

accordingly – all in all – as a result – briefly – consequently – generally speaking – hence – in conclusion – it follows that – taking everything into account

Adverbs to tone down arguments

a little (worrying) – almost – fairly – hardly – more or less – quite – somewhat

Adverbs to emphasise arguments

actually – absolutely – (not ...) at all – badly (needed) – completely – extremely – entirely – indeed – not in the least – perfectly – really – seriously – thoroughly – totally – utterly – very